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- Between the middle of May and the middle of June, the number of Soviet troops in Plovdiv and vicinity increased considerably. In most neighboring villages there are Soviet military camps, where there is constant movement. The troops leaving these camps usually proceed towards the Greek and Turkish frontiers.
- Once again in Plovdiv practically all hotels have been requisitioned for and are full of Soviet officers. Among the hotels are the following: "Koop", "Mola", "Astoria", "Musala", "Paris", "Continental", "Trakia" and "Burgas". The "Bulgaria", "Maskovo" and 9th September" are reserved for Bulgarians. A number of schools have also been requisitioned for Soviet military personnel.
- All the houses in Ivan Vazov and Tzar Asen Streets have been requisitioned for Soviet military personnel. Soviet sentries have been posted at the corners of these streets and no Bulgarians are allowed to use them.
- In the Nadezhda quarter of Plovdiv more than 200 different Soviet tanks are to be seen, and altogether in the Plovdiv region at the end of May there were about 600 Soviet tanks. It is estimated that in the middle of June there were even more. The soldiers of the tank unit in the Nadezhda quarter occupy the artillery barracks of the Bulgarian 3rd Engineer Regiment.
- Tank units have also been reported at Ozirishte and other places near Plovdiv. For a distance of about one kilometer on both shores of the Maritza, from the new bridge in the direction of the railroad station, there are recently arrived Soviet artillery units, including anti-tank and A/A guns, and many trucks.

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- The troops of the anti-tank unit occupy the building of the first gymnasium, as well as other school buildings.
- Loaded Soviet trucks are constantly arriving in Karlovo.

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